

**Coolkenno GAA Lotto:** Last week's numbers: 2, 10, 22, 30

Winner: No Winner. This week's jackpot €2,600.

Next Draw: 29<sup>th</sup>. November in Club House

Lucky Dip Winners: Brian Walker; Thomas Weeks; Cathal Flynn,

Niamh O'Sullivan

## *Thought for the week*

### **SEEING YOUR LIFE IN THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL**

#### **First Sunday of Advent**

1. We live in a time when we are told that disaster lies ahead for us and for our planet if we do not change our ways. But perhaps this new awareness can be a prelude to us changing our ways? The gospel was written to give hope to Christians in danger. What gives you hope amid the dangers facing our world today?
2. Our church community is also in crisis. The numbers of people attending church services have dropped. We have fewer clergy and religious. Scandals have rocked the church community. What helps you to keep faith in such circumstances?
3. This passage can be taken as a metaphor for personal experiences when it seemed that your world was collapsing around you: plans thwarted, deep disappointment, something out of your control altering the course of your life, etc.? When have such experiences been a prelude to something new? Allow the dramatic language of the passage remind you of this experience, making sure that you recognise the double movement of collapse and liberation.
4. Jesus himself is the model in this gospel story as he taught his disciples the spirituality of 'waiting in joyful hope'. What difference has watchfulness (in the sense of being watchful in prayer) and hope made to you in facing difficult situations?
5. Advent is a time that calls us to be alert to the signs of the hidden presence of God in our world. What reminds you of this presence of God? Have there been occasions when something woke you up in an unexpected way to the presence of God in the world, e.g., through love, beauty, nature, etc.?

*Have a Wonderful Week*

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

28<sup>th</sup>. November - First Sunday of Advent



## PARISH CENTRE

The Parish Centre will be open Tuesdays and Fridays  
from 9.30- 1.30: Tel. 059-9156890

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Website: [www.clonmoreparish.ie](http://www.clonmoreparish.ie)

**AN ADVENT TRADITION FOR CHURCH AND HOME**  
An Advent Tradition for Church and Home: THE ADVENT WREATH The advent wreath has a rich meaning. The circle of the wreath, with no beginning or end, symbolises the eternity of God. The evergreen reminds us of the everlasting life we have in Christ while any pine cones or pods in the wreath represent new life and resurrection. The four candles represent the four Sundays of Advent. Purple is traditionally a colour of penance and prayer while the rose-pink candle that is lit on the Third Sunday (Gaudete/Rejoice Sunday) marks our joy as we move ever closer to Christmas. As you light a candle on your Advent wreath for the first time, pray this prayer of blessing and take a moment to talk to God about how you will journey through Advent this year, alone or as a household. Finish your time of prayer with the Advent prayer: Come, Lord Jesus! A Blessing Prayer Loving God, let your blessing come upon us as we light this wreath. May it be a sign of hope for us as we prepare for your coming and may it turn our hearts to you in the days ahead. Give us your peace and love as we wait in joyful hope. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus

### Christian Motivational Phrases

Life is too short; grudges are a waste of happiness. Laugh when you can, apologise when you should and let go of what you can't change. Love deeply and forgive quickly. Life is too short to be unhappy.

### Anniversaries - with love we remember



#### Ballyconnell 27<sup>th</sup>. November: 7.30:

Patrick & Margaret Hennessy, Raheen

#### Kilquiggan 28<sup>th</sup>. November: 9.00

Christina (Chrissie) Carroll, Gould

#### Ballyconnell 4<sup>th</sup>. December: 7.30

Matt Lawlor, Ballyk8ilduff, Tommy Dempsey, his father Thomas, his mother Anne and his siter Kathleen, Coolkenno.

#### Kilquiggan 5<sup>th</sup>. December: 9.00

Mick Kerns, James Kearns, Ballynultagh; James Wilson Stratnakelly; James and Sarah Doyle, Coolkenno; Martha Foster, Tullow

### Collections: November 20/21 November

Envelopes: €529 Baskets: €439

Envelopes returned:81 - Bingo: Loss of €240. Lotto: €100

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mass in Ballyconnell at 7.30 pm.

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### TEAM HOPE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

Christmas shoeboxes are being collected again locally. You can send the boxes into Ballyconnell NS or contact Irene Donoghue for more information: 087-7719732. Leaflets can also be collected at the Parish Office.

**Ballyconnell Bingo:** Ballyconnell Bingo will taker place On Sunday & 2 pm in the Car Park behind Ballyconnell Church. Please support our Bingo.

**PARISH LOTTO:** Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Results for Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>. November 2021 Numbers: 4,8, 9, 28 - No Winner. Next week's Jackpot €11,000. 22 Match 3s win €46 each.

A wonderful way of supporting our Parish financially, and also be in with a chance of winning €18,000, is through the Lotto. If you would like to renew your lotto subscription (those are due for renewal) and if anyone wishes to join our lotto, you can get forms in the Parish Centre; or in the back of the churches. If you wish to know when you are due for renewal you can contact the Parish Office or contact Fr. John

**Bluebird Care:** are currently hiring experienced Care Assistants and Nurses for Clonmore and surrounding areas to work with clients in their own home. We offer flexible part/full time hours to work around your lifestyle including weekends only, mornings only, evenings only, and specific days. If you are interested in finding out more about our opportunities, please email your CV to [ckw@bluebirdcare.ie](mailto:ckw@bluebirdcare.ie) or call 056 7789952.

A vacancy has arisen for a member of our Maintenance Team with St. Patrick's Missionary Society based in Kiltegan. The successful candidate will help in all manual work, maintenance, organisation and execution of commitments, functions and events of Society Members. They will report to the House Leadership Team in Kiltegan. The role will be full time, normally Tuesday to Saturday.

Applications should be made via email attaching an up-to-date CV and cover letter to Fiona McHenry, HR Manager, at [hrmanager@spms.ie](mailto:hrmanager@spms.ie) by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 at 5.30pm.

### COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.